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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR
COUNTING PARTICLES AND
SENSING WATER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 8, 9, 11, 17, 20, 31, 32, and 34-36.

Replace the indicated claims with:

3. The system of claim 1 wherein the water sensor is disposed downstream of the optical particle counter.
4. The system of claim 1 wherein the water sensor is disposed upstream of the optical particle counter.
5. The system of claim 1 wherein the water sensor and the optical particle counter are disposed in parallel in the non-aqueous liquid.